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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
Director of Public Works

ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEE FOR COLIMA ROAD BOARD MOTION OF MARCH 16, 2004, SYNOPSIS 2

On March 16, 2004, Synopsis 2, your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Gloria Molina (copy attached) instructing the Director of Public Works to conduct an investigation to identify appropriate community/regional traffic improvement projects along Colima Road and a possible fair-share traffic mitigation fee that could be imposed on appropriate projects within the Rowland Heights Community Standards District (CSD).

Colima Road, in the unincorporated area, is built to its ultimate Highway Plan designation, serves as an alternate to the Pomona Freeway, and is included as a route in the County's Congestion Management Program. In February 2003, we completed a congested corridor study that quantified the existing transportation circulation deficiencies and identified short-term (year 2006) and long-term (year 2021) transportation circulation needs for Colima Road from Leffingwell Road in the Whittier area to Lemon Avenue in the City of Diamond Bar. A map and summary of the short-term transportation circulation needs, along with their cost, is attached. Included in this study is the segment of Colima Road in Rowland Heights from Azusa Avenue to Nogales Street. We have identified \$1 million in short-term improvements that would enhance roadway capacity in Rowland Heights. As the attachment illustrates, there are limited strategies to increase capacity on Colima Road. These strategies include operational improvement for traffic signals, peak-period parking restrictions, intersection lane configuration modifications, and widening of approaches at intersections. A priority order is being established for these improvements that will be the basis for a potential fee program. We will refine the cost estimate and determine if the study overlooked any other potential long-term improvements.

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A fair-share traffic mitigation fee is feasible provided a nexus is established between the development and the transportation facility. A fee program can be used along with the various strategies that are contained in the County's Congestion Management Program to address the impact of development. We must also consider traffic that will utilize Colima Road generated by future development outside of the Rowland Heights area. A traffic mitigation fee program that only applies to development within Rowland Heights would fail to hold these external developments accountable for their fair-share of the traffic impact on Colima Road.

If implemented, the traffic mitigation fee would satisfy the developers fair share contribution to the traffic flow improvements along the Colima Road Corridor. However, the actual benefit of the traffic impact fee would not be realized immediately, since it would take several years to collect sufficient funds to finance the improvements necessary to have a positive effect on traffic flow.

Another component in reducing traffic congestion along Colima Road is to reduce the level of congestion on the Pomona Freeway. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is exploring options in creating a means for developments to contribute their fair-share towards improvements on the Pomona Freeway. The MTA's regional traffic mitigation program, if it moves forward, will be integrated into the Congestion Management Program.

We intend to include residential and commercial development in a proposed fee program since both add to the traffic on Colima Road. We will ask neighboring jurisdictions, such as Diamond Bar, Industry, and Whittier, to participate in this program. It is estimated that it will take 1 year to develop a traffic mitigation fee program.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Bill Winter of our Traffic and Lighting Division at (626) 300-4700.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel (Richard Weiss)
Department of Regional Planning (Daryl Koutnik, Julie Moore)
Executive Office

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

March 16, 2004

The Regional Planning Commission recently conducted a hearing regarding proposed revisions to the Rowland Heights Community Standards District, and our Board is currently scheduled to hold a hearing on those proposed revisions on March 23, 2004. However, it has come to my attention that the community and staff are continuing to discuss revisions and enhancements to the proposed District. Therefore, it is premature to conduct our hearing until those discussions are completed. Additionally, in order to ensure that the Board has the maximum flexibility to consider revisions to the District that will benefit the community, the Regional Planning Commission should be instructed to expeditiously consider and report back to us on the possibility of changing the amortization period for non-conforming signs within the District from the existing ten-year period to a five-year period.

Additionally, our Department of Public Works should also commence a study to identify community traffic improvements along Colima Road and design a mechanism to identify fair-share traffic mitigation fees to fund those improvements for projects within the boundaries of the District.

Finally, in light of our need to continue the hearing on revisions to the District, it will be necessary to consider extending the existing interim urgency ordinance, which is


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Antonovich	_____
Knabe	_____

scheduled to expire on April 27, 2004, to protect the community from potentially incompatible development until we have come to agreement on the necessary revisions to the District.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board indicate its intent to continue, without discussion, our currently scheduled March 23, 2004, hearing on revisions to the Rowland Heights Community Standards District, to May 25, 2004.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Regional Planning Commission be instructed to consider, as a discussion item, the possibility of revising the current ten-year amortization period for lawful nonconforming signs within the District to five years, and provide a report back to the Board prior to our continued hearing date of May 25, 2004,

 I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Department of Public Works be instructed to conduct an investigation to identify appropriate community/regional traffic improvement projects along Colima Road and to identify a possible fair share traffic mitigation fee that could be imposed on appropriate projects within the Rowland Heights Community Standards District, and report back to the Board and the Regional Planning Commission with such recommendations as soon as possible.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Department of Regional Planning and County Counsel be instructed to prepare the appropriate board letter and proposed ordinance to extend the existing interim urgency ordinance currently in effect in the Rowland Heights Community Standards District, so that it can be considered by the Board at a public hearing prior to April 27, 2004.

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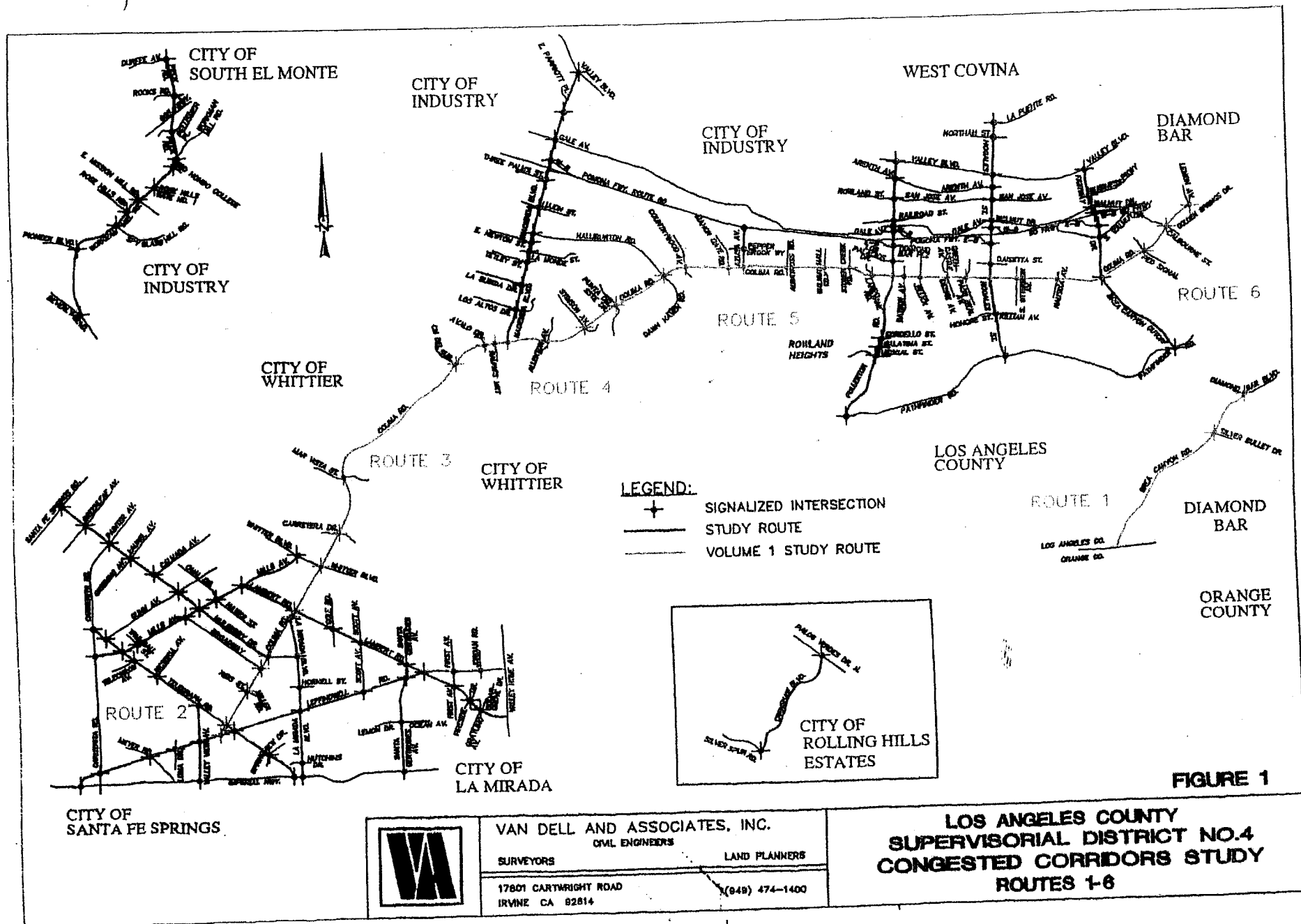


TABLE 13
SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
2006

ROUTE	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
Route 1 - Brea Canyon Road (Diamond Bar Boulevard to LA/Orange County Line)	
001 Brea Canyon Road/Diamond Bar Boulevard	EB approach: Restripe for right-turn lane Add right-turn lane over lap phasing
002 Brea Canyon Road/Silver Bullet Drive	Add 2nd NB and 2nd SB through lane
Route 2 - Colima Road (Leffingwell Road to Lambert Road)	
007 Colima Road/Mulberry Drive	SB approach: Restripe for 2nd through lane
009 Colima Road/Lambert Road	WB approach: Add 3rd through lane EB approach: Add 3rd through lane NB approach: Add 3rd through lane Intelligent Transportation System implemented
Route 3 - Colima Road (Lambert Road to Hacienda Boulevard)	
010 Colima Road/Whittier Boulevard	NB approach: Add 2nd left-turn lane SB approach: Add free right-turn and 3rd through lane Intelligent Transportation System implemented
011 Colima Road/Carretera Drive	SB approach: Restripe for 3rd through lane
012 Colima Road/Mar Vista Street	SB approach: Add 3rd through lane EB approach: Restripe for 2nd left-turn lane and through lane
013 Colima Road/Camino Del Sur	SB approach: End restripe for 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road
014 Colima Road/Avalo Drive	WB approach: Restripe for 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road
015 Colima Road/Ralph's Market	WB approach: Restripe for 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road
016 Colima Road/Hacienda Boulevard	WB approach: Add 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road NB approach: Restripe for 3rd through lane
Route 4 - Colima Road (Hacienda Blvd to Azusa Avenue)	
017 Colima Road/Fullerton Avenue	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Continue 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
018 Colima Road/Stimson Avenue/Sierra Ridge	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
019 Colima Road/Punta Del Este Drive	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
020 Colima Road/Halliburton Road/Dawn Haven Road	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
021 Colima Road/Country Wood Avenue	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
022 Colima Road/Manor Gate Road	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
023 Colima Road/Azusa Avenue	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd Add right-turn lane over lap phasing
Route 5 - Colima Road (Azusa Avenue to Nogales Street)	
024 Colima Road/Albatross Road	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
025 Colima Road/Walnut Hill Road	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
026 Colima Road/Stoner Creek Road	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
027 Colima Road/Larkvane Road	WB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Fullerton Road EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane from Hacienda Blvd
028 Colima Road/Fullerton Road	WB approach: Add 2nd Left-turn lane EB approach: Add 2nd left-turn lane and right-turn lane Intelligent Transportation System implemented
033 Colima Road/Nogales Street	EB approach: Restripe 3rd through lane NB approach: Add 2nd left-turn lane and 3rd through lane

LONG-TERM **TABLE 14**
RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
2021

RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
Route 1 - Brea Canyon Road (Diamond Bar Boulevard to LA/Orange County Line)	
001 Brea Canyon Road/Diamond Bar Boulevard	WB approach: Reconstruct for dual left-turn lanes
Route 2 - Colima Road (Leffingwell Road to Lambert Road)	
007 Colima Road/Mulberry Drive	Intelligent Transportation System implemented EB approach: Add 3rd through lane (ultimate) SB approach: Add 3rd through lane
009 Colima Road/Lambert Road	
Route 3 - Colima Road (Lambert Road to Hacienda Boulevard)	
010 Colima Road/Whittier Boulevard	WB approach: Add 2nd left-turn lane and 4th through lane NB approach: Add 4th through lane (ultimate) WB approach: Add right-turn lane (ultimate) NB approach: Restripe for 3rd through lane
011 Colima Road/Carretera Drive	Intelligent Transportation System implemented
016 Colima Road/Hacienda Boulevard	
Route 4 - Colima Road (Hacienda Blvd to Azusa Avenue)	
020 Colima Road/Halliburton Road/Dawn Haven Road	Intelligent Transportation System implemented
022 Colima Road/Manor Gate Road	NB approach: Add left-turn lane and through-right-turn lane
023 Colima Road/Azusa Avenue	Intelligent Transportation System implemented SB approach: Add 2nd through lane (ultimate)
Route 5 - Colima Road (Azusa Avenue to Nogales Street)	
024 Colima Road/Albatross Road	NB approach: Restripe for 1 left-turn, 1 left-thru, and 1 right-turn lane Intelligent Transportation System implemented NB approach: Reconstruct for dual left-turn lanes, 1 through, and 1 right-turn lane (ultimate)
026 Colima Road/Stoner Creek Road	Intelligent Transportation System implemented
028 Colima Road/Fullerton Road	NB and SB approaches: Add 3rd through lanes (ultimate) NB Approach: Add right-turn lane (ultimate) WB approach: Add right-turn lane (ultimate)
029 Colima Road/Batson Avenue	Intelligent Transportation System implemented
033 Colima Road/Nogales Street	Intelligent Transportation System implemented NB Approach: Add right-turn lane (ultimate) WB approach: Add 2nd left-turn lane and right-turn lane (ultimate)
Route 6 - Colima Road (Nogales Street to Lemon Avenue)	
036 Colima Road/Fairway Drive/Brea Canyon Cutoff	Intelligent Transportation System implemented

TABLE 17
ESTIMATED COSTS OF
RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

ROUTE #	ROUTE DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COSTS		
		CONSTRUCTION	RIGHT OF WAY	SUB TOTAL
1	Brea Canyon Road (Diamond Bar Boulevard to LA/Orange County Line)			
	001 Brea Canyon Road/Diamond Bar Boulevard	\$134,738.00	\$0.00	\$134,738.00
	002 Brea Canyon Road/Silver Bullet Drive	\$241,368.00	\$0.00	\$241,368.00
	ROUTE SUBTOTAL	\$376,106.00	\$0.00	\$376,106.00
2	Colima Road (Leffingwell Road to Lambert Road)			
	007 Colima Road/Mulberry Drive	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	\$52,000.00
	009 Colima Road/Lambert Road	\$1,059,193.00	\$176,200.00	\$1,235,393.00
	ROUTE SUBTOTAL	\$1,111,193.00	\$176,200.00	\$1,287,393.00
3	Colima Road (Lambert Road to Hacienda Boulevard)			
	010 Colima Road/Whittier Boulevard	\$755,114.00	\$596,960.00	\$1,352,074.00
	011 Colima Road/Carretera Drive	\$11,680.00	\$0.00	\$11,680.00
	012 Colima Road/Mar Vista Street	\$194,143.00	\$61,680.00	\$255,823.00
	013 Colima Road/Camino Del Sur	\$7,520.00	\$0.00	\$7,520.00
	014 Colima Road/Avalo Drive	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	\$7,200.00
	016 Colima Road/Hacienda Boulevard	\$172,874.00	\$0.00	\$172,874.00
	ROUTE SUBTOTAL	\$1,148,531.00	\$658,640.00	\$1,807,171.00
4	Colima Road (Hacienda Boulevard to Azusa Avenue)			
	018 Colima Road/Stimson Avenue/Sierra Ridge	\$43,200.00	\$0.00	\$43,200.00
	020 Colima Road/Halliburton Road/Dawn Haven Road	\$85,600.00	\$0.00	\$85,600.00
	021 Colima Road/Country Wood Avenue	\$19,200.00	\$0.00	\$19,200.00
	022 Colima Road/Manor Gate Road	\$35,809.00	\$0.00	\$35,809.00
	023 Colima Road/Azusa Avenue	\$293,122.00	\$28,480.00	\$321,602.00
	ROUTE SUBTOTAL	\$476,931.00	\$28,480.00	\$505,411.00
5	Colima Road (Azusa Avenue to Nogales Street)			
	024 Colima Road/Albatross Road	\$68,800.00	\$0.00	\$68,800.00
	026 Colima Road/Stoner Creek Road	\$82,400.00	\$0.00	\$82,400.00
	027 Colima Road/Larkvane Road	\$108,686.00	\$0.00	\$108,686.00
	028 Colima Road/Fullerton Road	\$437,831.00	\$75,595.00	\$513,426.00
	029 Colima Road/Batson Avenue	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
	033 Colima Road/Nogales Street	\$154,962.00	\$0.00	\$154,962.00
	ROUTE SUBTOTAL	\$872,679.00	\$75,595.00	\$948,274.00
6	Colima Road (Nogales Street to Lemon Avenue)			
	036 Colima Road/Fairway Drive/Brea Canyon Cutoff	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
	ROUTE SUBTOTAL	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00

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TOTAL \$4,025,440.00 \$938,915.00 \$4,964,355.00 GRAND TOTAL